The information is as under (as on 31-10-1988):

Installed Capacity 2300 working connection 2212 Waiting List:

OYT	—	11
Special	—	73
General	—	569
TOTAL		653

(b) The waiting list is likely to be cleared progressively during 1988-89 and 1989-90.

(c) Yes, Sir. During 1988-89, 700 lines are proposed to be added by conversion of 2300 Lines MAX-II Exchange into 3000 Line MAX-I Cross Bar Exchange, and its expansion by 500 Lines further (3000 to 3500) during 1989-90.

Import of Telephone Equipments

2998. SHRI BAIKUNTHA NATH SAHU: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the value of telephone equipments being imported during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have taken steps to increase the indigenous production of Telecommunication equipment and to reduce the import; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken by Indian Telephone Industry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) The value of telephone equipments imported during the last three years is:—

	(Rs. Crores)
1985-86	95.16
1986-87	116.46
1987-88	85.00 (estimated)

(b) and (c) the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Excessive Billing of Telephones

2999. DR. MOHD. HASHMI KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many complaints have been received by the Government about excessives billing of telephones from January, 1987 till September 30, 1988; State-wise;

(b) how many of these complaints were found correct or genuine;

(c) what action has been taken against those who were found responsible for preparing such bills; and

(d) what are the details of corrective measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (d) The informations is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Generation of Solar Energy

3000. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise quantum in Megawatts of solar energy being generated in the country at present; and

(b) the State-wise amount earmarked for this purpose during the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The Solar Photovoltaic Systems installed in the country are expected to be generating 1.5 million Kwhr electrical energy and the Solar thermal Systems are expected to be generating|saving 242 Kwhr thermal energy per annum. In addition, 8 million units of electricity were generated in 1987-88 from wind farm projects with an installed capacity of 6 MW. Furthermore Biogas and Biomass generated|saved 4801 million Kwhr and Improved Chulhas saved over 3 million tonnes of fuel wood during 1987-88.